



United States Department of Agriculture

Cherokee National Forest

Wildfire Information

Fire Information:

423-476-9729



November 9, 2016 - 5 P.M.

U.S. Forest Service managers at the Cherokee National Forest are asking national forest visitors for their compliance with fire restrictions that are in place (see below). Please be careful with all fire! If you see a wild fire or suspicious activity please report it to your local fire or law enforcement authorities immediately.

- ◇ There are approximately 125 firefighters and support personnel assigned to wild fires or positioned for initial response to new fires in Cherokee National Forest.
- ◇ Since March 10, 2016 there have been 73 wild fires that have burned 8,922.6 acres in Cherokee National Forest (Forest) or on adjacent land that posed a threat to the Forest.
- ◇ The Chattanooga Air tanker base (jointly managed by the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service) continues to launch air tankers to drop fire retardant on fires in Tennessee and surrounding states.
- ◇ The Knoxville Mobilization Center has been activated to facilitate firefighters and support personnel coming in from throughout the nation before being assigned to various fires.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Effective October 29, 2016 the following fire restrictions are in place for **the entire** Cherokee National Forest until terminated by the U.S. Forest Service:
Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or charcoal fire outside of developed recreation areas is prohibited. The use of portable lanterns, stoves or heating equipment that utilize gas or pressurized liquid fuel is allowed.

CLOSURES:

- Area closure for the Rattlesnake Fire remains in place— see attached map.
- Area closure for Wolf Creek Fire remains in place— see attached map. *The McFarland Road 23 is open to *through traffic*.
- Cohutta Wilderness: The entire Choutta Wilderness, both in Georgia and Tennessee, is closed to public entry due to wild fire activity—see attached map.

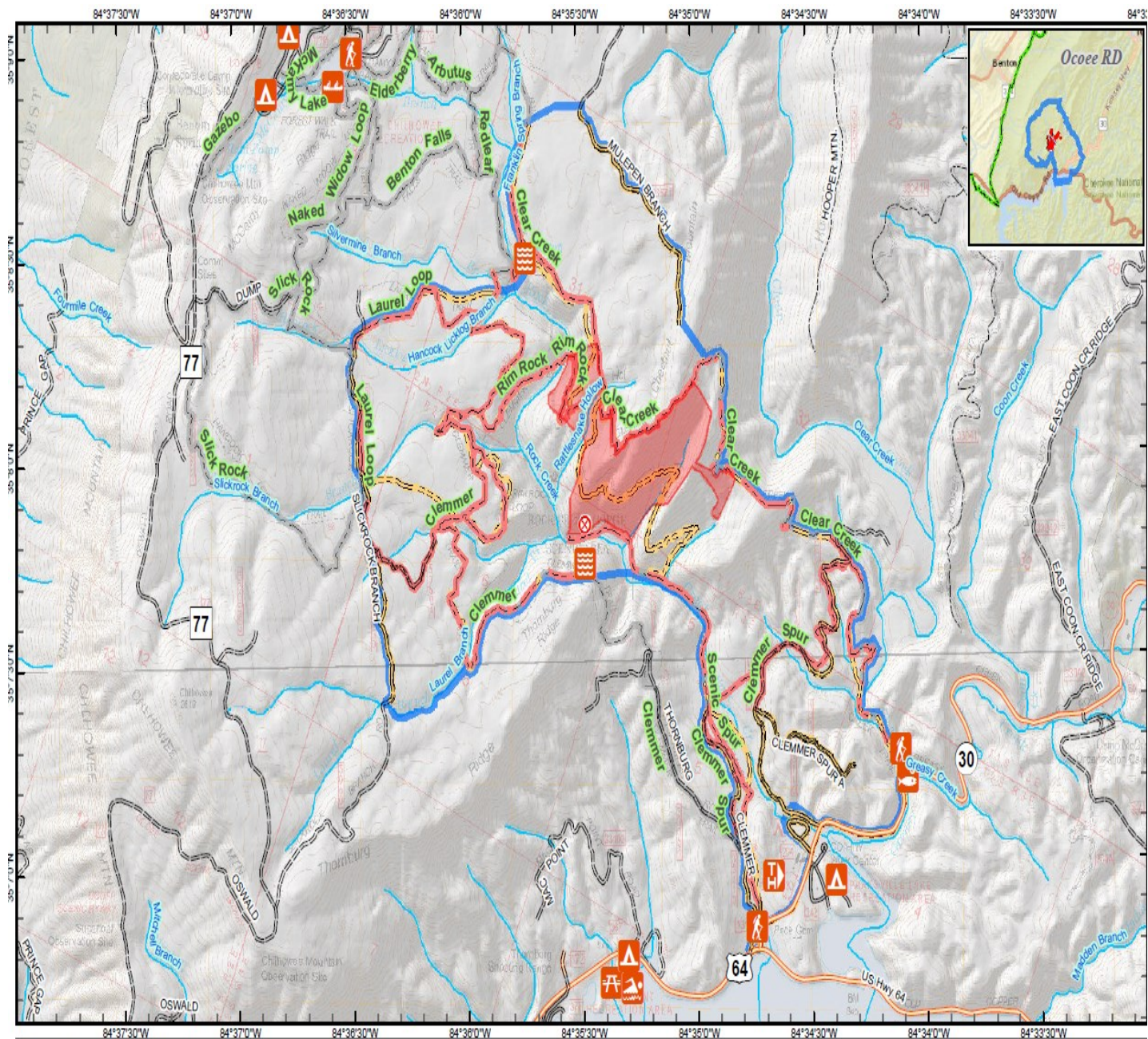
NOTE: Smoke from wild fires in east Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia is still being experienced throughout the area.



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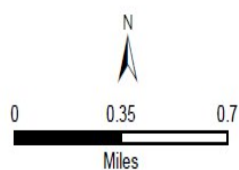


Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Closure Map

TN-CNF-000247
Closure Order: 08-04-03-16-416

Effective 10/25/2016

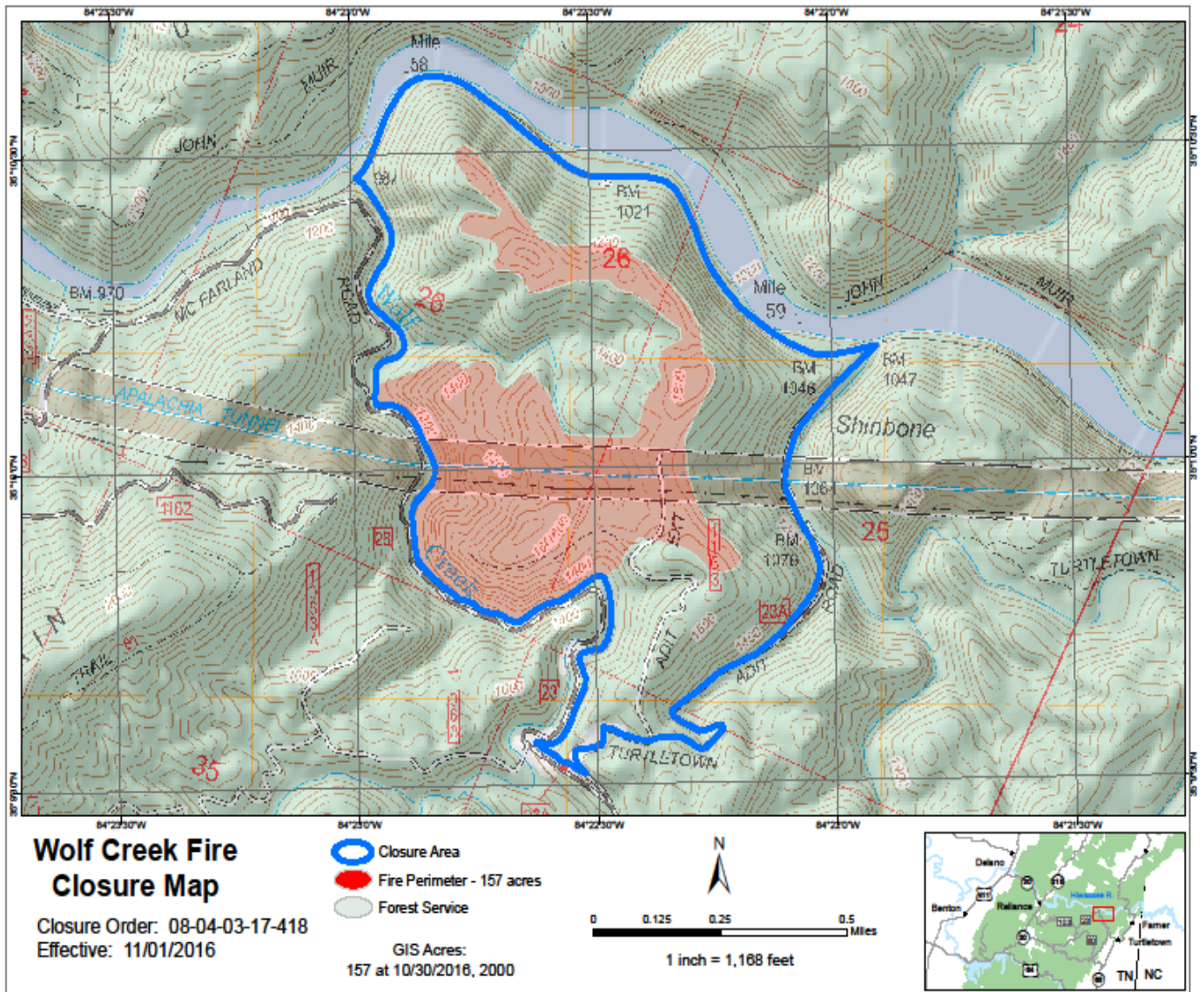
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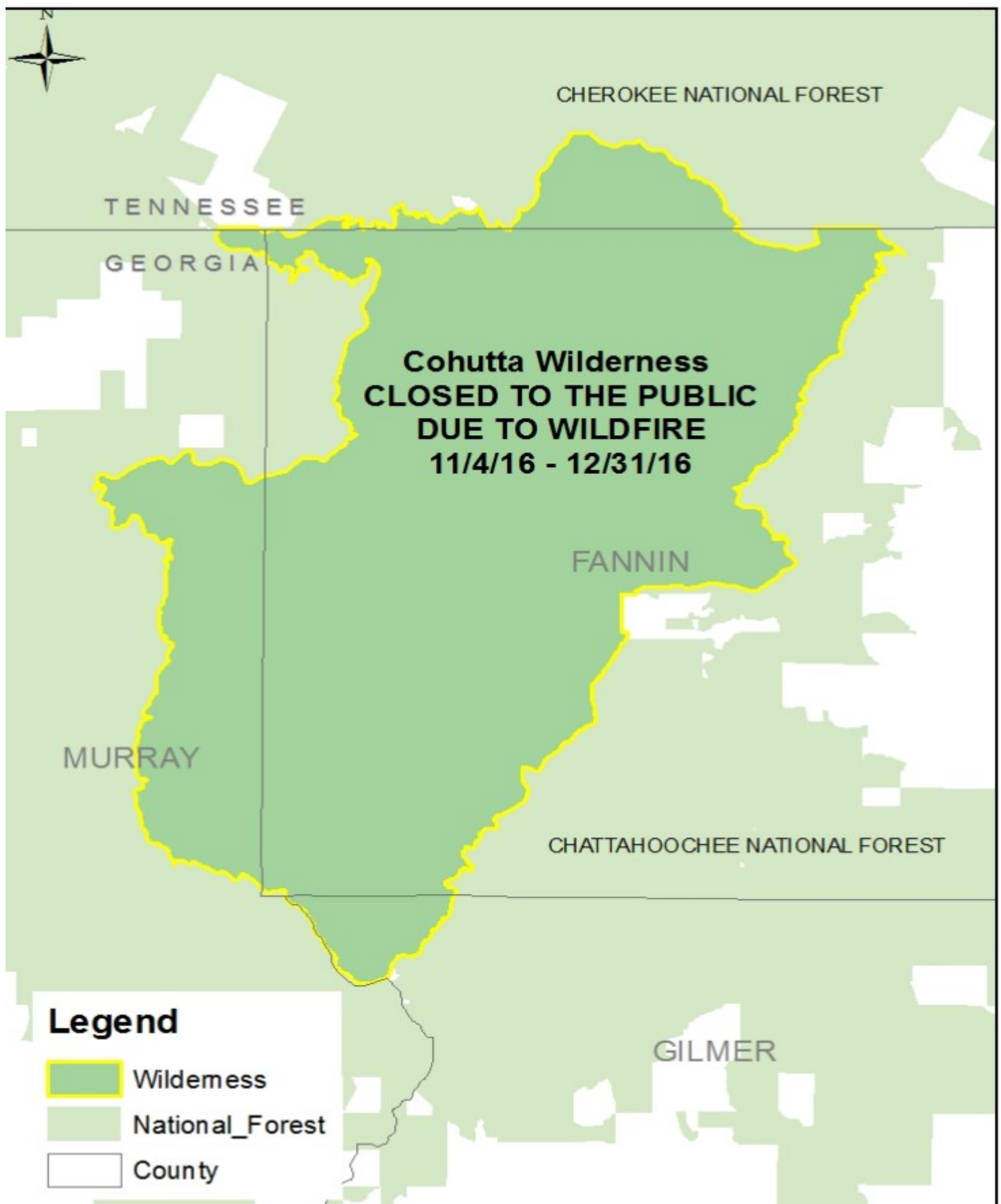


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| Boating - Non-Motorized | Picnicking | Basic Custodial Care (CLOSED) | Fire Origin |
| Campground Camping | Swimming | High Clearance Vehicles | Fire Perimeter |
| Day Hiking | Trail Head | Seasonal Road | Closure Area |
| Lake and Pond Fishing | Water Falls | Highway | Administrative Boundary |
| | | Closed Trails | |
| | | Closed Roads | |

U.S. Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest
Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Area Closure - **blue line**
All roads and campgrounds in the area are open.

U.S. Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest
Wolf Creek Fire Area Closure - **blue line**
The McFarland Road 23 is open to through traffic.





The entire Cohutta Wilderness in the Chattahoochee National Forest (Georgia) and the Cherokee National Forest (Tennessee) is closed to public entry.